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## Mount Mercy's Latin Students Shine in Competitions

Mount Mercy's Latin students took the National Latin Exam earlier in the school year and recently received their results. Twelve students were honored for their performance on the exam. Mount Mercy's Latin students are all taught by Catherine Nicastro.

Freshman Madeline Fecio of Buffalo achieved the highest possible score on the Latin I exam, earning Gold Summa Cum Laude. Five freshman, Melanie Bebak (Cheektowaga), Elizabeth Lang (Buffalo), Evelyn Nowak (Orchard Park), Caitlyn Robertson (Depew) and Lily Kasperek (Forestville) all were honored with Magna Cum Laude status. Three other freshmen Anastasia Boyd (West Seneca), Bridget Whelan (West Seneca) and Mia Mahar all were graded at the Cum Laude level.

Two juniors Shea Halpenny (Lackawanna) and Kathryn Marabella (Cheektowaga) both scored Magna Cum Laude on the Latin III exam. Senior Kate Haettich (Buffalo) finished with a Cum Laude ranking on the Latin IV exam.

The level IV team of Lawicki and Haettich also placed third overall in the Competitive Certamen.

Mount Mercy's Latin Students also competed in the New York State Junior Classical League Spring Fling at Amherst High School this past weekend. Seven students received ribbons during the competition.

Senior Samantha Lawicki (Buffalo) earned a second place in Roman Civilization and three third places, in Derivatives, Mythology and on a Vocabulary test. Haettich finished first in Roman Civilization and earned second place finishes in vocabulary, Mythology and Derivatives. Both seniors competed at the Latin IV level.

Sophomore Clarity Eron (Buffalo) placed third in Mythology for Latin II. Fecio placed first in derivatives, second in mythology and pentathlon and third in Roman Civilization. Jessica Shaw (Buffalo) placed second in Roman Civilization and Bebak placed second in vocabulary.

Marabella was elected the New York State Junior Classical League secretary for the 2017-18 school year. She will be working with the other officers to help organize competitions and other JCL activities.



Caption

top row, left to right: Mia Mahar, Maddie Fecio, Anastasia Boyd, Caitlyn Robertson, Bridget Whelan

Bottom, left to right: Kate Marabella, Shea Halpenny, Kate Haettich, Lily Kasperek, Melanie Bebak, Evelyn Nowak

Not pictured: Elizabeth Lang

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